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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God our provider, after a week of long hours and tense discussions, countless debates and deliberations, tears shed and tempers raised, we pray Your peace over this House and across this Nation.

Mountains have been shaken, hills have been unearthed, individuals and ideals have been aggrieved, the co-operation and camaraderie have been tossed by tempests.

And yet, You assure us that Your un-failing love for us will not be shaken. You will not forsake Your promise to restore vigor to the tired and worn out, and endurance to the exhausted.

Give strength to the faint-hearted. Increase the fortitude of the weary.

We wait upon You to renew our energies.

Uphold as on eagle's wings these law-makers as they return to their districts, and we pray they receive Your gift of respite.

May they take the time to rededicate their service to You, that in serving the ideas of democracy they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

In Your eternal name we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. VARGAS) come for-

ward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VARGAS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIONS,  
Washington, DC, July 28, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Keith Ingram, Elections Director, Texas Office of the Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held July 27, 2021, the Honorable Jake Ellzey was elected Representative to Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Texas.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
July 28, 2021.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, for Representative in Congress from the 6th Congressional District of Texas, show that Jake Ellzey received 20,837 or 53.27% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Jake Ellzey was elected as Representative in Congress from the 6th Congressional District of Texas.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved and

certified by the Governor of Texas, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KEITH INGRAM,  
*Director of Elections.*

### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JAKE ELLZEY, OF TEXAS, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Texas, the Honorable JAKE ELLZEY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Texas delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. ELLZEY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

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